

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 298  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frances Smothers  
upon being selected to the Tennessee Teachers  
Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Frances Smothers is one such estimable educator, who distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity during her notable twenty-two year tenure with the Franklin Special School District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smothers was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive and enriching influence she had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smothers joined the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor of the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Frances Smothers served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher, after-school tutor, and student-teacher mentor for more than two decades at Franklin Elementary School and Moore Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smothers began teaching in 1972, and she maintained high standards of classroom conduct and educational achievement until her retirement in 1994; she was named the first "Teacher of the Year" at Moore Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, a warm and gentle teacher, Frances Smothers earned the admiration and respect of her students and taught them how to respect each other and themselves; and

WHEREAS, she was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as members of society; and

WHEREAS, as a highly responsive teacher with an acute awareness of each individual student's needs, she always encouraged students to believe in themselves and their individual talents; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smothers has truly served as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; under her tutelage, many aspiring educators came to learn about instruction, compassion, and stability in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Frances Smothers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Frances Smothers truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest standards of public service and quality education for all, and her life of service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Frances Smothers, a woman of great inspiration and compassion, upon being selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame and reflect fondly upon her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.